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SUBJ: PRISONER EXCHANGE: LUGGAGE

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1. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH PAN AM HERE WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSAL
REFTEL FOR CARRYING LUGGAGE IN CABIN FROM U.S. TO FRANKFURT AND
ON TO BERLIN. AT THIS END IT WOULD, IN FACT, BE SIMPLER FOR
LUGGAGE OF ARRIVING PASSENGERS TO BE STORED IN HOLD OF AIRCRAFT.
ALSO, IF AIRCRAFT IS FULL, THERE WOULD SIMPLY BE NO PLACE FOR
IT. MOREOVER, THIS PRACTICE NOT PERMITTED BY FAS REGULATIONS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE EXPECT TO HANDLE ARRIVAL IN BERLIN IN FOLLOWING
MANNER, WHICH OBVIATES PUBLIC CONTACT AND CUSTOMS DELAYS:

A. UPON ARRIVAL AT BERLIN TEGEL, VOGEL, THOMPSON, SMITH, AND
PFUND SHOULD DISEMBARK AIRCRAFT AND DESCEND IMMEDIATELY TO THE
AIRCRAFT RAMP RATHER THAN PASSING THROUGH THE TELESCOPING ACCESS
TUBE TO THE TERMINAL. DESCENT TO RAMP MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY
SERVICE STAIRCASE (RATHER LIKE A LADDER), WHICH WILL BE IMMEDI-
ATELY TO THE RIGHT OF DISEMBARKING PASSENGERS AS THEY LEAVE THE
FRONT CABIN DOOR OF THE AIRCRAFT.

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B. ONCE ON THE RAMP, THE FOUR PASSENGERS WILL BE ABLE TO
IDENTIFY THEIR LUGGAGE AS IT IS REMOVED FROM THE HOLD. WE
CAN THEN PLACE LUGGAGE DIRECTLY INTO USBER VEHICLES WHICH
WILL BE WAITING NEARBY.

C. PARTY CAN THEN DEPART FROM RAMP AREA THROUGH EXIT

RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL VEHICLES.

3. U.S. MISSION OFFICER SURENA WILL MEET ARRIVING PARTY
AT CABIN DOOR.

4. THIS SCENARIO INVOLVES WAIVER OF CUSTOMS PROCEDURES.
IN ORDER TO MAKE SCENARIO TO WORK, WE MUST CONTACT
FRENCH PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISER, WHO IS ALLIED OFFICIAL WITH
RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEGEL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE REQUEST
IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO.
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